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Priority Geographic Targets in Czechoslovakia

I. Statement of Priority and Background

A first priority exists for the collection of military topographic maps dated 1953 and later and related information about the programs, cartographic organizations, and geodetic data of Czechoslovakia. At a conference held in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1952, Czechoslovakia and the other European Satellites agreed to a USSR proposal to compile 1:25,000; 1:50,000; 1:100,000; 1:200,000; and 1:500,000 scale topographic maps according to USSR specifications and symbolization, sheet line and numbering system, sheet format, and based on the Pulkova 1942 and Kronstadt datums. In order to accomplish this program the USSR released to each country specification manuals and directed the conversion to new fundamental coordinates. Priority was to be given to the 1:25,000 scale series and unconfirmed information states that Czechoslovakia has completed this part of the overall topographic mapping program. These maps extend the USSR geodetic and mapping system westward into Central Europe providing modern positioning accuracies for ground and air operations and the economic exploitation of the country.

II. Justification

Czechoslovakia, like other Satellites countries and the USSR, maintains very strict controls over maps, and little information relating to the post-1952 mapping program is available to the West. The acquisition of post-1952 topographic maps based on USSR specifications and geodetic datums and geodetic data is of primary importance to the mapping and intelligence agencies of the United States. These maps will provide 1) essential information necessary to deliver U.S. missiles on target, 2) intelligence for developing target information, 3) intelligence for planning and executing military operations, 4) an indicator of USSR preparedness for initiating an attack, 5) intelligence on post-war economic development, and 6) sufficient information for compilation of large-scale topographic maps on Czechoslovakia.

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III. Targets

The collection of topographic maps and related geodetic data may be accomplished through organizations and individuals engaged in the production of topographic maps or production of special purpose maps; users of topographic maps; and components of the Armed Forces (Czechoslovak and USSR). The following list of organizations through which collection may be effected is not all inclusive but represents apparent high potential sources.

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Ceskoslovensko Vojensky Zemepisny Ustav - VZU (Military Geographic Institute).	Prague, 19 Bubeneč, Rooseveltova ulice.	Responsible for the pro- duction of topographic maps.
2. Ustredni Sprava Geodesie a Kartografie - USGK (Central Administration of Geodesy and Cartography).	Prague, 1 Stare Mesto, Mastalska 27.	Plans, directs, and controls the geodetic and topographic surveying and the preparation and publications of maps for civilian use.
3. Sprava Geodesie a Kartografie na Slovensku (Administration of Geodesy and Cartography in Slovakia).	Bratislava, Presernova 1.	Probably directs and controls topographic and geodetic surveying as planned by the USGK in Prague.
4. Geodeticky a Topograficky Ustav v Praze - GTU (Geodetic and Topographic Institute in Prague).	Prague, 7 Holesovice, Kostelni 42.	Probably retains geodetic data necessary for mapping.
5. Geodeticky Ustav (Geodetic Institute) in Bratislava.	Bratislava, Bezrucova 6.	Probably retains geodetic tables and other geodetic data needed by organizations using maps.
6. Kartograficky a Reprodukcní Ustav v Praze (Cartographic and Reproduction Institute in Prague).	Prague, 7 Holesovice, Frantisek Planinkove 8.	Publishes many of the maps for civilian use and may publish non-military topo- graphic sheets.

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7. Oblastni Ustavy Geodesie a Kartografie - OUGK (Regional Institutes of Geodesy and Cartography)	Prague, 16 Smichov, Arbesova namesti 4. Ceske Budejovice, Alesova 770/1. Plzen, Riegrova 1 Liberec, Bojovniku za Mir 26. Hradec Kralove, Ceskoslovensko Armady 14. Brno, Rude Armady Namesti 1. Opava, Bezrucovo Namesti 13 Bratislava, Vajanskeho nabrezi 13/a. Zilina, Holleho ulice. Presov, Konstantinova 7.	Assigned to prepare local geodetic bases and large- scale maps, and to maintain and correct large-scale topographic maps of their regions. Large-scale topographic map coverage and geodetic data for each region are probably kept at regional headquarters.

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